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SUBJECT: FRG-BERLIN TIES: PROPOSED PHARMACEUTICAL
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SUMMARY: FRG HAS INFORMED ALLIES IN THE BONN GROUP THAT
INTERNAL FRG DISCUSSIONS NOW PROCEEDING REGARDING POSSI-
BLE REORGANIZATION OF AND REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS
WITHIN FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE (FHO) IN BERLIN. END
SUMMARY.

1. THE HEALTH MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO COMBINE THE
PRESENT OPIUM, DRUG ABUSE AND PHARMACY SECTION, MEDICINE
SPECIALTY AND PHARMACY REGISTER SECTION, MEDICINE
SPECIALTY AND PHARMACOLOGY SECTION, ALL OF THE CENTRAL
DEPARTMENT OF THE FHO, TOGETHER WITH THE PHARMACOLOGY,
PHYSIOLOGY, AND PHARMACEUTICALS SECTION OF THE MAX VON
PETTENKOFER INSTITUTE (ALSO A PART OF THE FHO) INTO A
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PHARMACEUTICAL INSTITUTE WHICH WOULD REMAIN A PART OF

THE FHO. THE NEW INSTITUTE WOULD NOT PERFORM ANY TASKS NEW TO THE FHO IN BERLIN. REORGANIZATION IS DESIRED BY HEALTH MINISTRY BECAUSE OF NEW EC CONTROL DIRECTIVES AND NEW FRG LICENSING PROCEDURES AND LAW. THE EXISTING SECTIONS INVOLVED NOW HAVE 78 POSITIONS. THE HEALTH MINISTRY BELIEVES AN ADDITIONAL 26 WOULD BE NEEDED FOR FY 1975, AND 112 MORE FOR PERIOD 1976-1978. THE INSTITUTE WOULD ALSO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SPACE AND A NEW BUILDING WOULD BE PLANNED.

2. FRG REP KASTRUP IN NOV 14 BONN GROUP MEETING SAID NO NEW LEGISLATION WOULD BE NEEDED FOR REORGANIZATION, THE MINISTER OF HEALTH ALREADY HAVING SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A PROJECT. KASTRUP SAID IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR WITHIN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT NO DECISION COULD BE TAKEN UNTIL CONSULTATIONS CONCLUDED WITH THREE ALLIES, BUT THAT FRG HOPED TO BE ABLE TO REACH FINAL DECISION ON PROJECT BY END OF YEAR. HE SAID ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

3. COMMENT: INITIAL REACTION OF ALLIED REPS TO PROPOSED REORGANIZATION WAS POSITIVE, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT OFFICIAL HANDLING OF PUBLIC ASPECTS WOULD REQUIRE GREAT CARE. IN THIS CONNECTION WHEN US REP MADE PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED CONSUMER ACADEMY, DRAWING FROM REFTTEL, FRG REP EXPRESSED THANKS AND ASSURED ALLIES THAT BONN, IF DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH PROJECT WERE MADE, WOULD BE MOST RESTRAINED AND CIRCUMSPECT IN PROCEEDING TO SET UP CONSUMER ACADEMY, AND ALLIES WOULD BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED. WE WILL BE RECEIVING MORE INFORMATION FROM FRG AND WILL BE REPORTING CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN TRIPARTITE DISCUSSION SCHEDULED HERE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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